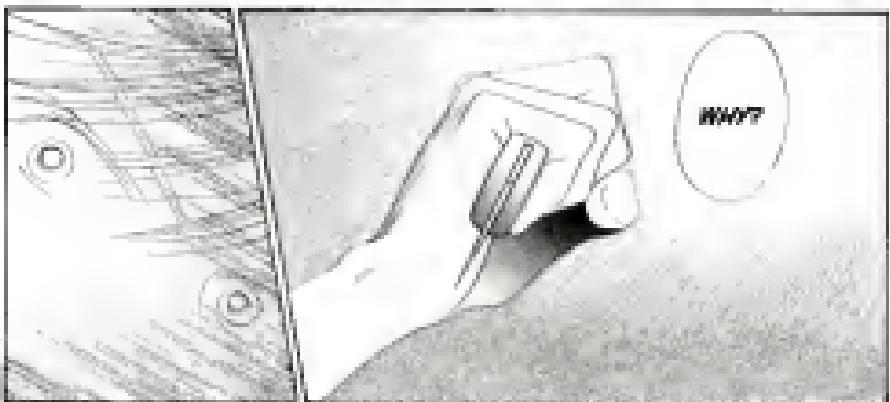


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T H E T O P S E C R E T

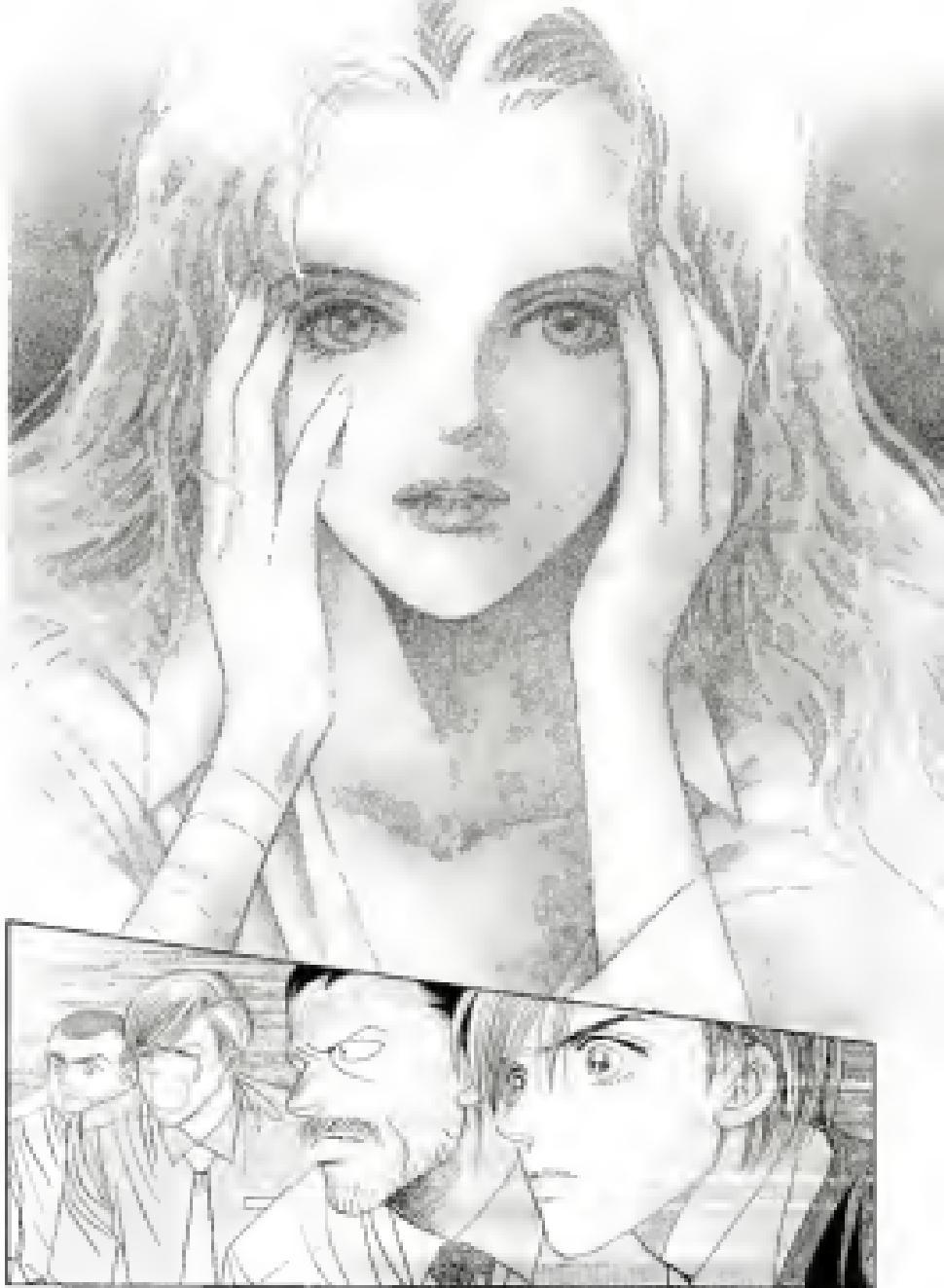






WHY DID YOU
SHOW ME?!

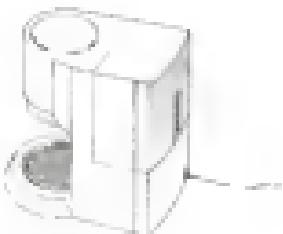


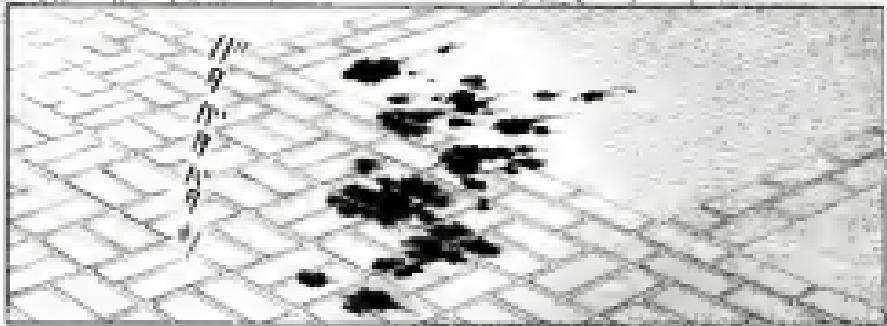




FOR A SECOND, HER LINE
OF VISION SWAYS TO THE
SWING POOL. PROBABLY
HER MOTHER CALLED TO
HER FROM THE
NEXT ROOM.









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WA
—
WAIT A
MOMENT!
THEN THE FIRST
INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT
WILL BE...?

TURN
EVERYTHING
OVER TO
THE MURK,
BOTH THE
ADVISORY
RECORDS
AND THE
CRIME SCENE
INVESTI-
GATION
REPORT.

OKABE-
SAN!

THE FIRST
DEPT. IS
TAKING
THIS
CASE.

THE SUSPECTED
WOMAN HANGED
HERSELF IN HER
OWN BATHROOM.
NOW THE NINTH
IS TO INVESTIGATE
HER BRAIN...

MURK
?

BL...?

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DON'T WHINE
AROUND,
IT'S BEEN
ALREADY
DECIDED.

OKA...

OKABE-
SAN... THE
CRIME SCENE
INVESTI-
GATION...

ARE YOU
KNOWING
ME?

+



WITHOUT EVEN
SETTING A
FOOT ON THE
CRIME SCENE,
WITHOUT KNOWING
WHERE THE
SUSPECT... THE
CRIMINAL HAS
LIVED...

ARE
YOU
FOLLOWING
ME?!

...WITHOUT
LOOKING AT
HOW THE
VICTIM WAS
KILLED...

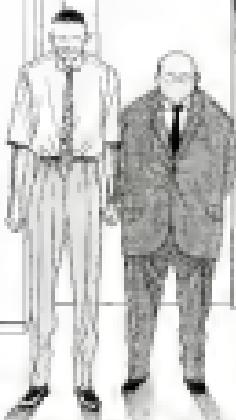
THEY GET
AROUND IN A
DARK ROOM
WATCHING
THROUGH THE
BRAIN TISSUE...
IS THAT
POLICE WORK?
IS THAT
INVESTIGATION?

SUCH
THING

...IT'S NOT
SCIENTIFIC
INVESTIGATION,
IT'S NOTHING
AT ALL...
IT'S...

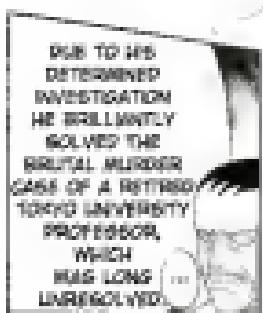
IT'S
JUST
THE
SAME
AS
PEEPING
ON
PEOPLE!

Three
years
ago





THIS IS SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT MAKI, CHIEF OF SECTION NINE OF THE POLICE CRIME LABORATORY.



ONE DAY HE DETERMINED INVESTIGATION HE BRILLIANTLY SOLVED THE BRUTAL MURDER CASE OF A RETIRED TOKYO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, WHICH WAS LONG UNRESOLVED.



I KNOW

SUPERINTENDENT MAKI. HE HAS BEEN WORKING AT MPD FIRST INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT FROM THE START...

TM
SENIOR
SUPER-
INTEND-
ENT.

MAIL



INSTANTLY MOVING
ONTO THE ELITE
COURSE, HE'S NOW
THE OBJECT OF
ASPIRATION OF THIRTY
THOUSAND POLICE
STAFF COUNTRYWIDE.
INSPECTOR OKABE
YASUHIRO...

TAKING
HIS PAST
ACHIEVEMENTS
INTO ACCOUNT,
LAST YEAR HE
RECEIVED A
MERIT AWARD
AND WAS
SPECIALLY
PROMOTED BY
TWO RANKS.



HAVEN'T
YOU HEARD?

ON THE LAST INVESTIGATION,
ALL THE OTHER INVESTIGATORS
HAVE DIED.

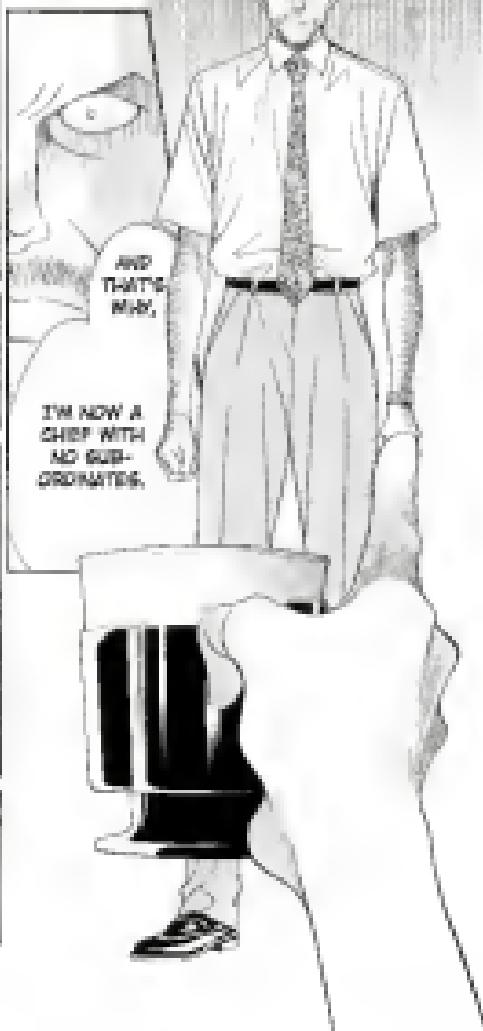


TWO COMMITTED
SUICIDE, ONE IS IN A
CREPULATED STATE. THE
REMAINING ONE,



JUST LIKE
THIS...







IT SEEMS YOU
DIDN'T THINK SO
AS WELL...



THERE'S NO
POISON IN IT.



While investigating a serial killer, Kanuma Kiyotaka responsible for murdering 28 boys.

Chef of Section Nine of the Police Crime Laboratory, Nakai, shot to death his subordinate, Suzuki Katsuhide.

During the same investigation, two other inspectors committed suicide under influence of Kanuma's insane memories.

And one was long-term hospitalized in a mentally crippled state.

The Ninth is as a matter of fact crumbling down

THE NINTH

Inspector Shoots Inspector

Killing Spree Inside 'The Ninth'

A scandal unprecedented in Japanese history of law enforcement shook up the very fundaments of Scientific Police

Three years ago, 2008 August

WHAT
THE...!
WHAT IS
THIS ALL
ABOUT,
INSPECTOR
GENERAL?

ME? IN THE NINTH?

Was
enough
to
convict
the
people's
detest
towards
The
North

The MRI
investigation, newly
introduced to the
Forensic Police,
evidently infringes
on human privacy.
Even before, it had
been facing strong
opposition and
distaste of the
society.

An investi-
gation method
that uses the
MRI scan of
a deceased
person's brain
to reproduce
images they've
seen while
alive.

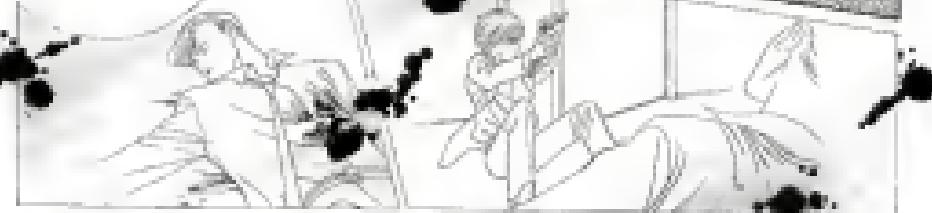
AS YOU
KNOW,

ME?

But
this
incident,

INSPECTOR MAKOTO
LIVE ON MISSION
WAS DEEMED A
LEGITIMATE
SELF-DEFENCE.
THERE IS NO ROOM
FOR DOUBT WITH THE
SECURITY CAMERA
FOOTAGE AND OTHER
EVIDENCE, AND HE
HAD A RIGHT TO
CARRY THE GUN,
BUT IT WAS STILL...

THE INVESTIGATION OF
THE 'KANUMA CASE'
ALONG WITH FINDING
KANUMA'S ACTIVE FOR
KILLING THOSE 28 BOYS
AND ANY OF HIS
FURTHER OFFENCES,
HAS NOW BECOME
DISCONTINUED...





OF COURSE IT
AFFECTS THE POLICE
REPUTATION, BUT IT
ALSO ENDANGERS
THE CONTINUANCE OF
THE NINTH ITSELF.



THERE'LL
BE TWO
MORE
STAFF
ADDED.

BUT WASN'T THE
INVESTIGATION
AUTHORITY OF THE
CONVENIENCE STORE
CLERK HARASAWA
CASE Handed OVER
TO THE NINTH JUST
YESTERDAY?



THE THREE
OF YOU WILL
INVESTIGATE
THAT CASE
UNDER
INSPECTOR
MAKI'S
SUPERVISION.



...IS THIS
WHY I WAS
MOVED
THERE...?



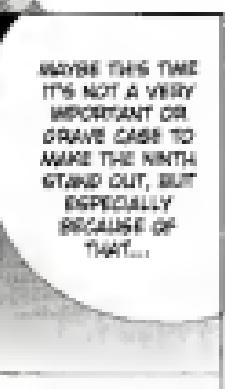
AS IT IS,
INSPECTOR MAKI'S
ONE-PERSON
DEPARTMENT IS IN
A CATASTROPHIC
STATE AND
NON-FUNCTIONING.



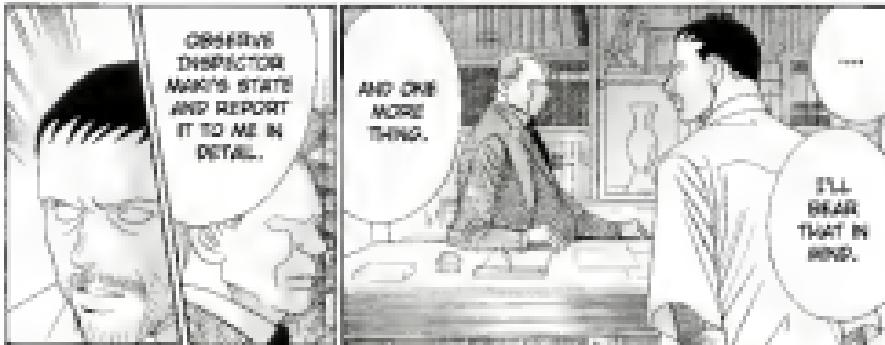
THIS TIME
FOR SURE.



...SETTLE IT
DOWN
PROPERLY.



MAYBE THIS TIME
IT'S NOT A VERY
IMPORTANT OR
GRAND CASE TO
MAKE THE NINTH
STAND OUT, BUT
ESPECIALLY
BECAUSE OF
THAT...



...EVEN BEFORE THERE
WERE VOICES DOUBTING
IF HE'S SUITABLE FOR
THIS POSITION WITH HIS
UNCOOPERATIVE AND
SELF-RIGHTEOUS
PERSONALITY.

TAKING INTO
CONSIDERATION
HIS PREVIOUS
ACHIEVEMENTS AND
COMPETENCE, THIS
TIME HE WASN'T
FOUND AT FAULT
BUT...

WITHOUT
EVEN
REALIZING IT,

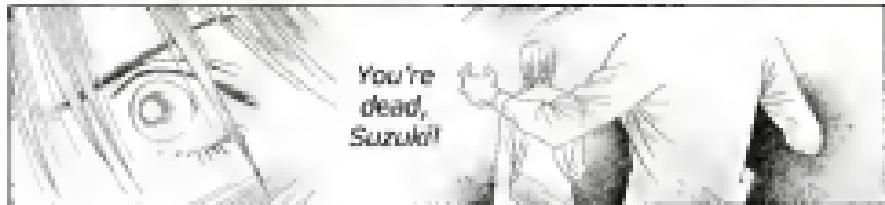
HE'S SEEN THE
BRAIN OF
KAINURA, WHICH
COST THREE
OTHER PEOPLE
THEIR LIVES.

AND EVEN
WITHOUT ALL THIS,

WE MIGHT BE
INFLUENCED BY
HIS ABNORMAL
MEMORIES TOO.
HOW CAN WE TELL
IF HE'S NOT?











Suzuki!







ACTUALLY,
I THINK YOU
WOULD BE VERY
SUITABLE.





Kai-
numa!



Maki-san...



Maki-san...



MAI









Maki-
sato!



COME, I'LL EXPLAIN THE OVERVIEW OF THE CASE.

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PURPOSE,
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THEY WERE
FOUR VICTIMS
IN TOTAL.

THREE OF
THEM WORKED
IN THE SAME
CONVENIENCE
STORE AS
THE CULPRIT,
KOJIMA DAKO.

THEN SHE CHASED SATOU KANOKO WHO WAS TRYING TO RUN AWAY TO THE SHOPPING DISTRICT, AND MURDERED HER BY STABBING HER BACK AND CHEST ABOUT 15 TIMES.

DURING THE INCIDENT, ANOTHER PERSON, A ROBBERY, GOT INVOLVED AND WAS STABBED AS WELL. HE DIED TWO DAYS LATER.

ON 27TH AUGUST, AT 8PM, 40 YEARS OLD KOJIMA TAKUO KILLED YAMAZAKI TADASHI AND JIRAI SHINOBU WHILE THEY WERE RESTING AT THE KITCHEN FACILITIES. SHE USED A 15CM LONG KITCHEN KNIFE TO STAB THEM OVER 40 TIMES.



IT'S RARE FOR A WOMAN TO COMMIT A MASSACRE LIKE THIS, SO THIS TIME WE AT THE NINTH WERE ASKED TO INVESTIGATE THE MOTIVE AND THE ROOT OF THE INCIDENT.



AFTER KILLING THE FOUR, SHE CAME BACK HOME, AND COMMITTED SUICIDE BY HANGING HERSELF IN THE BATHROOM. IN THE HOUSE THERE WAS ALSO HER FATHER WHO REQUIRES NURSING CARE, BUT DUE TO HIS DEMENTIA GETTING A TESTIMONY WOULD BE DIFFICULT.



Not to mention,
isn't it the info we
gathered at the
First Dept.?

He's
good,
saying
all that
without
looking
at any
notes.

dammit...

HER WORKING
ATTITUDE WAS VERY
DILIGENT AS WELL,
AND LAST YEAR
HER PAST TWO JOBS
Hired HER TO BE
A REGULAR
EMPLOYEE.

FROM HER VISITS
TO THE HOSPITAL
AND DAYCARE, SHE
WAS Said TO HAVE
BEEN TAKING GOOD
CARE OF HER
FATHER.

TYPICALLY
IN THIS KIND OF
GROUP HOMICIDE
WE'D FIRST SUSPECT
HALLUCINATIONS OR
DELUSIONS CAUSED BY
DRUG ABUSE, BUT THE
AUTOPSY SHOWED NO
SIGNS OF ANY
PSYCHOTIC
SUBSTANCES AND
THE LIKE.

IRUKO HAD NO
CONSPICUOUS MEDICAL
HISTORY, AND OF
COURSE NO CRIMINAL
RECORD. INDEED SINCE
SHE HAS LOST HER
MOTHER SHE HAS
JUGGLING WORK AND
LOOKING AFTER HER
FATHER.

—THAT'S IT.
THAT WAS THE
CASE OUTLINE
PROVIDED BY
THE FIRST
INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT.

INSPECTOR
OKABE!

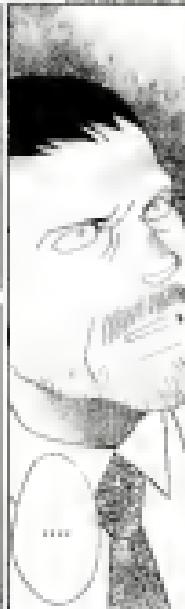
HMM
?



AS SOMEONE WHO'S SEEN AND INVESTIGATED THE ACTUAL CRIME SCENE, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?



AFTER THAT I'D LIKE TO MOVE ON TO THE MRI...?





...THE VICTIM,
YAMADA
TADASHI AND
SATOU KIYOKO
ATTENDED THE
SAME
UNIVERSITY,

THEN, OH...
FROM THE
INFORMATION
WE'VE
GATHERED...

Did he
read my
disgruntled
expression?

AND IT SEEMS
THEY WERE
GETTING FROM
AROUND THIS
SPRING...



THEN
KIYOKO
STARTED
WORKING AT
THE SAME
PART-TIME
JOB AS
TADASHI.



FROM
THE
START,



KIYOKO
WAS...



THERE WAS A
SCENE WITNESSED BY
ANOTHER PART-TIMER,
WHO SAW KIYOKO AND
OKUDO QUARRELLING...
—OR RATHER KIYOKO
BEING ONE-SIDEDLY
ANGRY AT OKUDO.







THIS IS FROM AFTER
THEIR WORK, WHEN
KYOKO FOUND IKUKO
CHANGING INTO
REGULAR CLOTHES,
AND IS NOW
QUESTIONING HER.

SINCE THERE
IS A MIRROR
JUST BEHIND
THEM, WE CAN
READ FROM
KYOKO'S
LIPS AS
WELL...

SINCE TADASHI
TOOK INTEREST IN
MEDICAL CARE AND
NURSING AT THE
UNIVERSITY BEFORE,
OUT OF SYmpATHY
FOR IKUKO'S
SITUATION HE
HIMSELF HELPED
WITH TAKING CARE
OF HER FATHER.

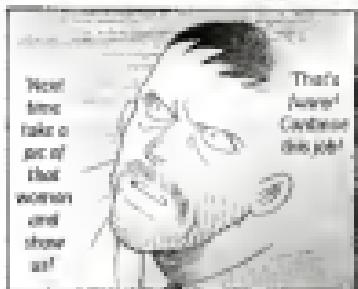
'AREN'T YOU
MISUNDER-
STANDING
SOMETHING?'

'WHY MUST TADASHI
EVEN HAVE TO
LOOK AFTER
YOUR FATHER?'

"EH? At
this age?"

There's a 40
year old woman
that dresses like
a princess in
Kayoko's job!

KAYOKO DIDN'T LIKE THAT,
AND OFTEN TOLD HER
UNIVERSITY FRIENDS
ABOUT HER DISLIKE FOR
SAKURA.



That's
funny!
Continue
this job!



It
looks
good!





The geeky
clothes
aren't for
her type

Her lack of
confidence,
where she
can't even
look eye to
eye with
Kiyoko...

Maka with
her plump
figure and no
make-up...



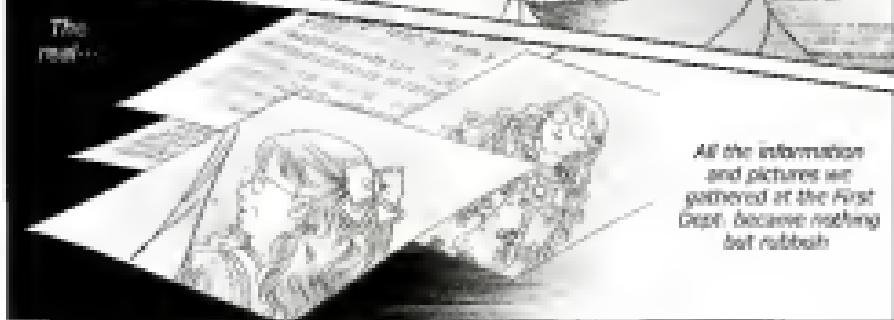
The
blushes
and
wrinkles
on her
face



The
real...



Her restless
gestures and
fidgetiness
easily betray
Maka's
make-shift
life.



All the information
and pictures we
gathered at the First
Dept. became nothing
but rubbish.

Kayoko's view of
Makoto was even
harsher than reality.
These pictures make
her disgust towards
the woman
apparent—



A weirdly dressing middle-aged woman with lying hair! And for a younger man, and killed him and his lover. The victim won't respond.

Aren't the
pictures we
saw today
enough?

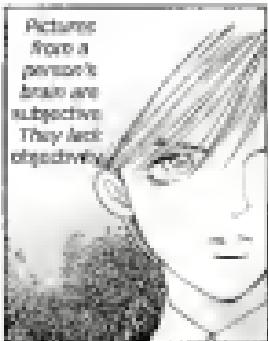
We could see
so clearly how
she murdered
the two!

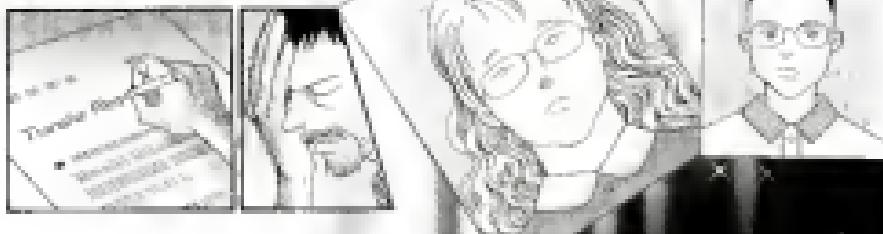


What more
is there to
investigate?

Do
we
need
to see
Fusae's
or Makoto's
brains as
well?





















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!



CHIEF!









WHAT
HAPPENED...?!



INSPECTOR
GENERAL!



WHAT
HAPPENED?
INSPECTOR
OKABE?

'...Whether he's
suitable as a
Section Chief
or not'

INSPECTOR
OKABE!



MOVE AWAY!

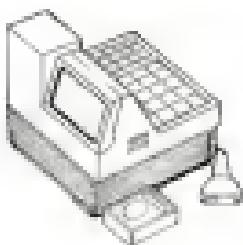
DON'T YOU
NEED A
STRETCHER?

NO, HE CAN
BE CARRIED.

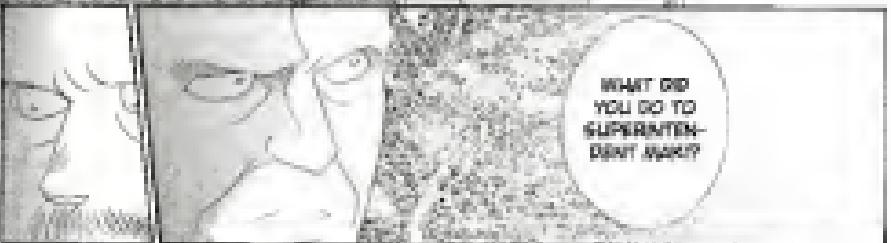
PLEASE
MOVE AWAY!

WHAT IS
ALL THIS?

DRAMA









HMM?



THIS DOOR
WAS LOCKED
AND SMASHED
OPEN FROM
THE OUTSIDE!







PLACE AND
MAKING A FOOL
OUT OF ME!"

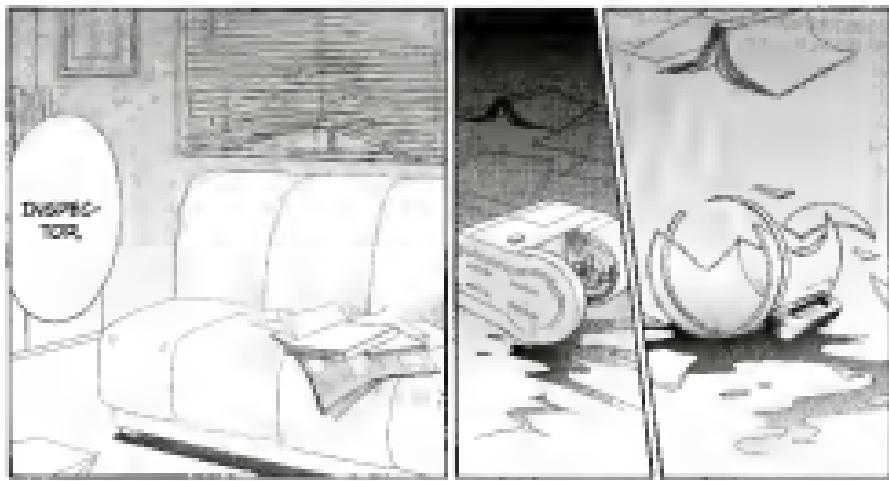
"CHARGE
SOMI DON'T
...!"

"TRANSPORT"

"WANT?
FATHER'S
DID YOU
HAVE
ME..."

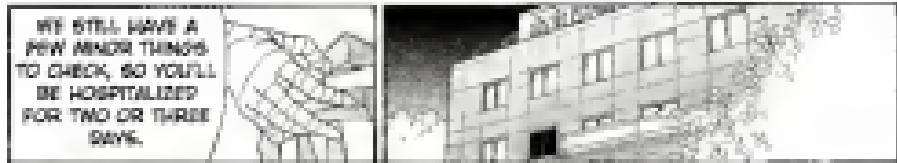
"SO
TRANSPORT"

...FOR YOU
TO..."











A PROGRESS REPORT
CAME IN FROM THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL.



I DIDN'T
COVER FOR
YOU

WHY DID YOU
COVER FOR ME
EVEN THOUGH YOU
DISLIKE ME?

IT'S
JUST...

OR AT LEAST I DIDN'T
MEAN TO COVER FOR AN
ANNOYING GUY LIKE YOU,
NOT A BIT!

I DIDN'T.

KNOW

WHY DID
YOU HAVE TO
SUPPORT
TEACHER
MANNY?



WELL THERE
WAS ALSO THE
PART WHERE I
DIDN'T KNOW
HOW TO EXPLAIN
YOUR SITUATION
BACK THEN...

I DIDN'T!

...IN THAT MOMENT
EVEN I THOUGHT...

...BUT...

'I WANT TO TAKE MY
BRAIN TISSUE OUT
AND MAKE THEM SEE
FOR THEMSELVES.'

...THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT I
THOUGHT.



IT'S FINE.
YOU WON'T BE
SEEING ANY
KAINUMA
GHOSTS
ANYMORE.



...I REALIZED I
WANTED TO FIND
THE TRUTH YOU
CAN'T DEDUCE
FROM JUST
EVIDENCE.

...SOMEHOW...

THE TRUTH IS,
JUST A WHILE
AGO I THOUGHT
THAT MAYBE THE
NIGHT WASN'T
FOR ME.
AND I EVEN
WROTE A
TRANSFER
REQUEST,
BUT...

I STARTED TO
WANT TO SEE
THE ANSWER
FOR MYSELF.

WHY DID KOJIMA
TAKE TOOK THE
LIVES OF THOSE
FOUR PEOPLE IN
SUCH A BRUTAL
WAY?

KOJIMA KUNIO



SATOU KEIKO



MAMORU TANAKA





TADASHI
WAS
GIVING
TAKUO
SOME
PILLS!



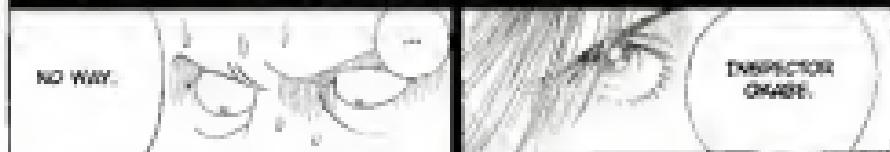
NO DRUG
REACTIONS
CAME OUT IN
THE AUTOPSY,
SO I THOUGHT
WE COULD
EXCLUDE THAT
POSSIBILITY,
BUT...

END OF
PARA-
CENTRIC
OR
IMAGINE
BOARD-
THING
DUE TO
DISEASEY

TADASHI HAD
TAKEN PART IN SOME
MEDICINE-RELATED
RESEARCH AT
THE UNIVERSITY...
HE MIGHT HAVE HAD
SOMETHING THAT
WOULDN'T HAVE
SHOWED UP IN
REGULAR BLOOD
TESTS. MAYBE IT'D
COME UP IF WE
TESTED IT AGAIN?



IN THE
IMAGE FROM
KAYOKO'S
BRAIN
WE SAW
TODAY...







THIS IS FROM
6 YEARS AGO,
WHEN DILUCO
WAS TAKEN TO
THE HOSPITAL
AFTER A SUICIDE
ATTEMPT.

DILUCO'S
FAMILY
SITUATION
FROM THAT
PERIOD IS
BEING
CHECKED
NOW.

WHY
WOULD
SHE...



IN HER AUTOPSY
NUMEROUS
CUTTING SCARS
WERE IDENTIFIED
ON HER WRISTS.
IT CAN BE
ASSUMED THAT
DURING THAT TIME
HER SELF-HARMING
BEHAVIOR HAD
BEEN A COMMON
OCURRENCE.







THAT SAME YEAR,
HER FATHER'S
COGNITIVE ILLNESS
WORSENED, AND HE
LEFT THE COMPANY
HE WORKED IN.
AS THE ONLY
DAUGHTER, IKURO
QUIT HER JOB IN
TOKYO AND MOVED
BACK TO HER FAMILY
HOME IN GIBRA.
HER ENGAGEMENT
SHED HAD AT
THE TIME WAS
CANCELLED.

KOJIMA MI



IN 2004,
8 YEARS
AGO, HER
MOTHER
MIKI,
DIED OF
LUNG
CANCER.

HERE.

I SEE...

AND
YET...

IT'S
UNDERSTANDABLE
THAT SHE FELL
INTO DESPAIR.
SADISH TO SUE
HIMSELF.

"IT'S NOT A
REASON TO KILL
THOSE FOUR
PEOPLE."

YET...











COULDN'T SEE
ANYTHING
BUT THE
'BEAUTIFUL
IKUKO'.

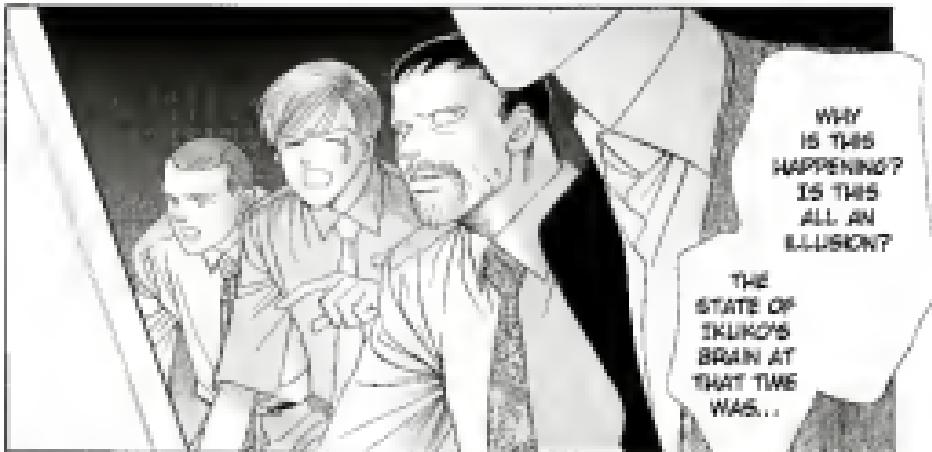
AT
THIS
POINT,
HER
BRAIN,

THESE CLOTHES
CAN BE WORN
REGARDLESS
OF AGE AND
BODYTYPE.
SO EVEN OUR
PLUS SIZE
CLIENTS CAN
TRAVEL.

WE
HAD
LONELY
LIFE A
PRE-
CISE

IT PIS
YOU
VERY
HELL!





THE BRAIN
CREATES A
FICTIONAL
WORLD AND
WHEN IT
STARTS
TAKING
REFUGE
IN IT...



IT PROTECTS
ITSELF FROM
EVERYTHING
PAINFUL,
ANYTHING
THAT CAUSES
SUFFERING...

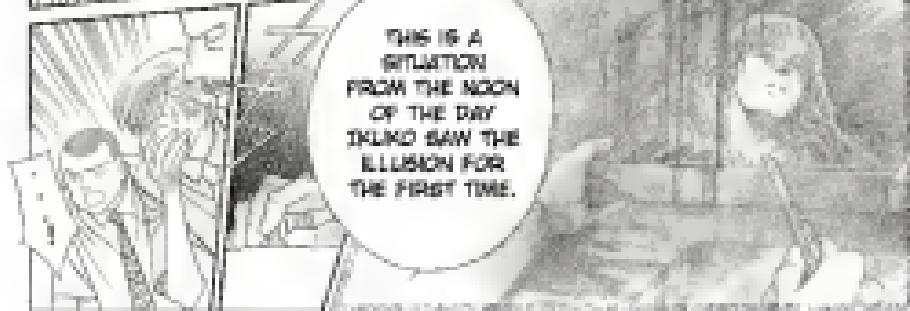


IT
CANNOT
...
...



LIVE
OUTSIDE IT
ANymORE.

THIS IS A
SITUATION
FROM THE NOON
OF THE DAY
IKKAO SAW THE
ILLUSION FOR
THE FIRST TIME.





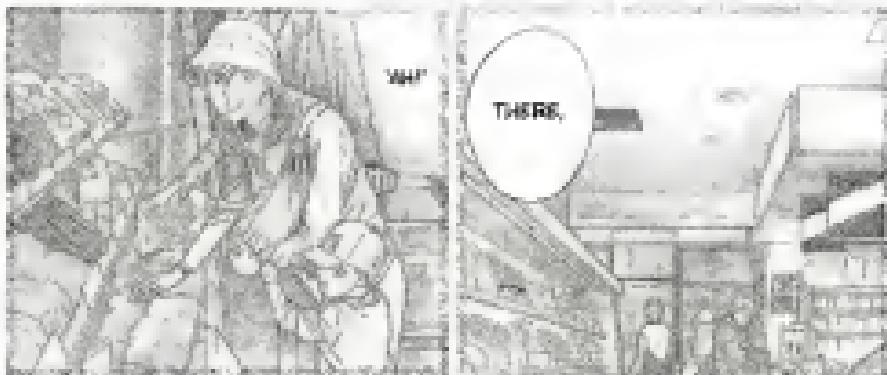
WHEN SHE CAME BACK FROM HER WORK AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE, HER FATHER HAD SPANNED HIS OWN FLEES AROUND THE FLOOR AND WALLS.

LIGHT IT

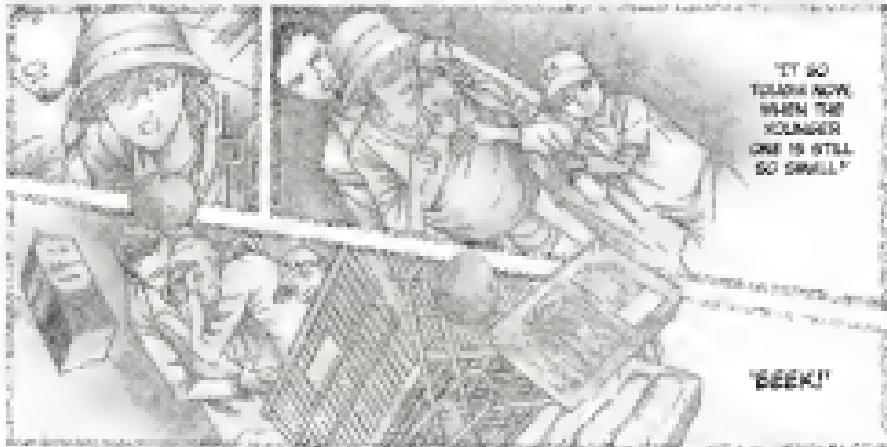
IS THAT ...?

SHE THEN CHANGED FROM HER OWN DIRTY CLOTHES AND WENT OUT TO BUY GROCERIES FOR THE SUMMER.

DALICO SPENT AROUND TWO HOURS CLEANING HER SOILED FATHER AND HIS ROOM, HAND-WASHING THE CLOTHES AND DOING LAUNDRY.



WHY
RETURN
ME?
FROM
HIGH
SCHOOL?

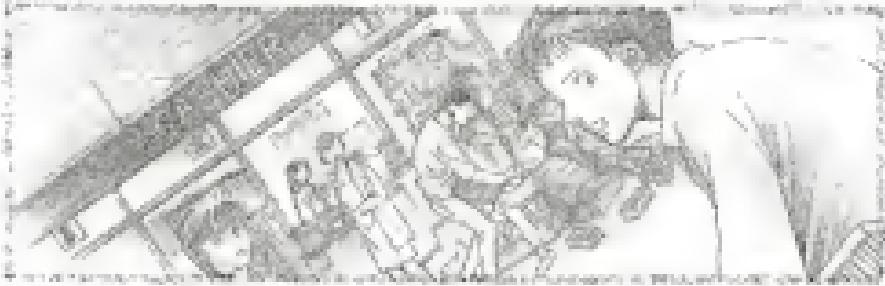


'BEEKU!'



"WHAT THE!
WHERE ARE YOU
LOOKING?"

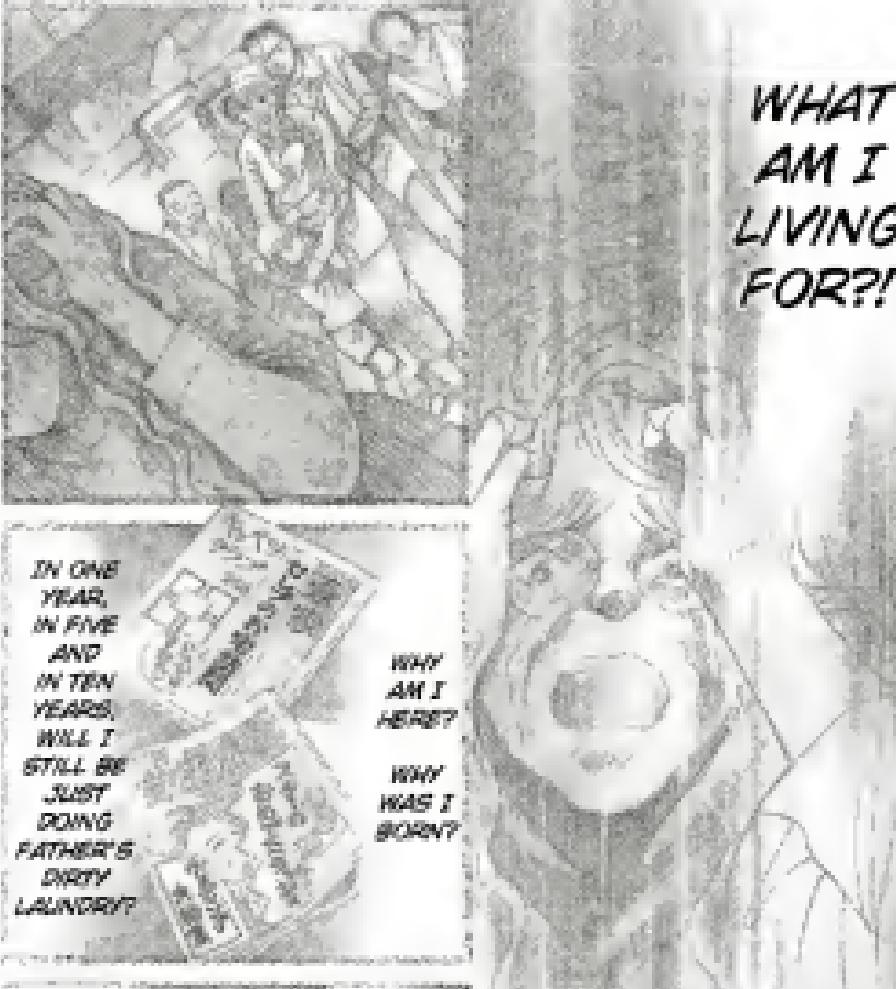
"BRAK!"





WHY?





WHAT
AM I
LIVING
FOR?!

IN ONE
YEAR,
IN FIVE
AND
IN TEN
YEARS,
WILL I
STILL BE
JUST
DOING
FATHER'S
DIRTY
LAUNDRY?

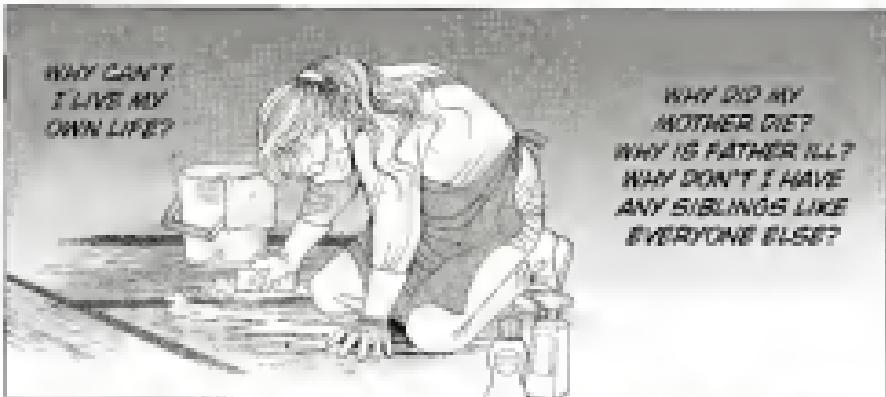
WHY
AM I
HERE?

WHY
WAS I
BORN?



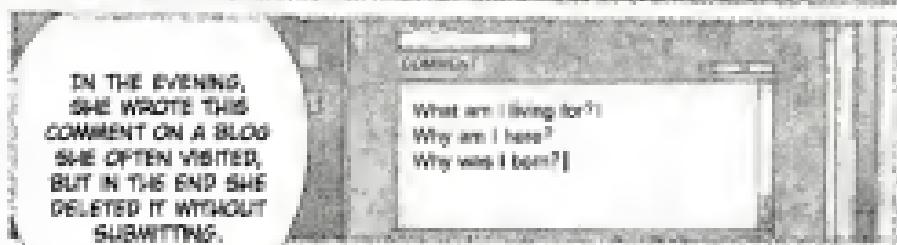
WHY?

WHAT'S
GOING
TO
HAPPEN
AFTER
THIS?





'REALLY,
YOU'RE ALWAYS
SO CLUTTERED AND
DISORGANIZED.'



IN THE EVENING,
SHE WROTE THIS
COMMENT ON A BLOG
SHE OFTEN VISITED,
BUT IN THE END SHE
DELETED IT WITHOUT
SUBMITTING.

COMMENT
What am I living for?
Why am I here?
Why was I born?]



AS A RESULT
OF THAT DAY,
SHE STARTED TO
SEE THE ILLUSION...
SHE CREATED
THIS SO-TO-SPEAK
'BEAUTIFUL FANTASY'
WORLD AND BEGAN TO
CRAVE ITS PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY.

TRUNK'S MIND STARTED TO TRANSLATE THEIR COHERENT REMARKS INTO 'BEAUTIFUL' AND 'TASTY.'

SHE CONTINUED TO WORK PROPERLY AT THE STORE, AND ISLEDRED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY INTO THE SOCIAL LIFE.

BUT SHE DIDN'T MOVE TO HER PARALLEL UNIVERSE COMPLETELY.

HEY, YOUR CLOTHES ARE A BIT...

NICE!
OH, IS THIS A NEW OUTFIT AGAIN? IT'S LOVELY!

She made her whole surroundings into something dear and more pleasant to herself.

AND THIS WAS PROBABLY...

'REALITY' AND 'ILLUSION' LOST THEIR MEANING TO HER.

SINCE SHE STARTED TO INK SOME ELEMENTS OF HER ILLUSIONS AND FICTITIOUS EVENTS INTO HER SPEECH, IT WAS AROUND THAT TIME THAT HER COLLEAGUES STARTED TO CALL IT 'A LYING HABIT' AND HER AN 'ALWAYS DREAMING GIRL'. THEY WERE GOSSIPING ABOUT HER ECCENTRIC STORIES AND CLOTHING, BUT...

...THE
HAPPIEST.

...WHEN
SHE
WAS...

In
her
whole
life

And my
beautiful
room.

The mirror
reflects the
beautiful me.

I mean children's
faces change
so quickly -

I'm a little less
nowadays, but still
I'll be able to see
them as a child again
so far away from
to do my best
and forever
Soon

I used to meet more quickly
My husband who abroad for work,
and our beloved children
Are they in England? Or France?

can easily remember their faces
but they surely looked like the
girls that were in movies.



Soon...



Happily...



...AND THE ONE WHO DESTROYED HER SHINY BALANCE WAS ONE OF THE VICTIMS...



THIS 'BEAUTIFUL FANTASY WORLD' WAS NECESSARY FOR IKUKO TO SURVIVE ALONE... IN REALITY, EVER SINCE SHE STARTED SEEING THE ILLUSION SHE HASN'T CUT HER WRISTS EVEN ONCE.

IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE HE HAD AN INTEREST IN NURSING AND MEDICAL CARE, BUT HE WAS THE KINDEST OF ALL THE PEOPLE SHE KNEW, MATURE MORE SO THAN HER OWN FATHER.

UNLIKE OTHER CO-WORKERS, HE NEVER SPOKED OF HER BEHIND HER BACK.

FROM WHAT SHE SAW ON THE MRI, FROM THE START HE WAS VERY KIND TO TAKAO.

...YAMAZAKI TOSHIJI.

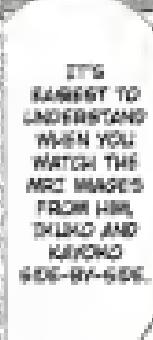
HE GENUINELY CARED ABOUT HER AND HER FUTURE,

AND OFTEN GAVE HER ADVICE ABOUT NURSING.

IT'S NO PROBLEM, ALWAYS CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

AND BECAUSE HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT HER LIVING IN HER ILLUSIONARY WORLD,

IT'S EASIER TO UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU WATCH THE MRI IMAGES FROM HER, TALKING AND KAYONO SIDE-BY-SIDE.



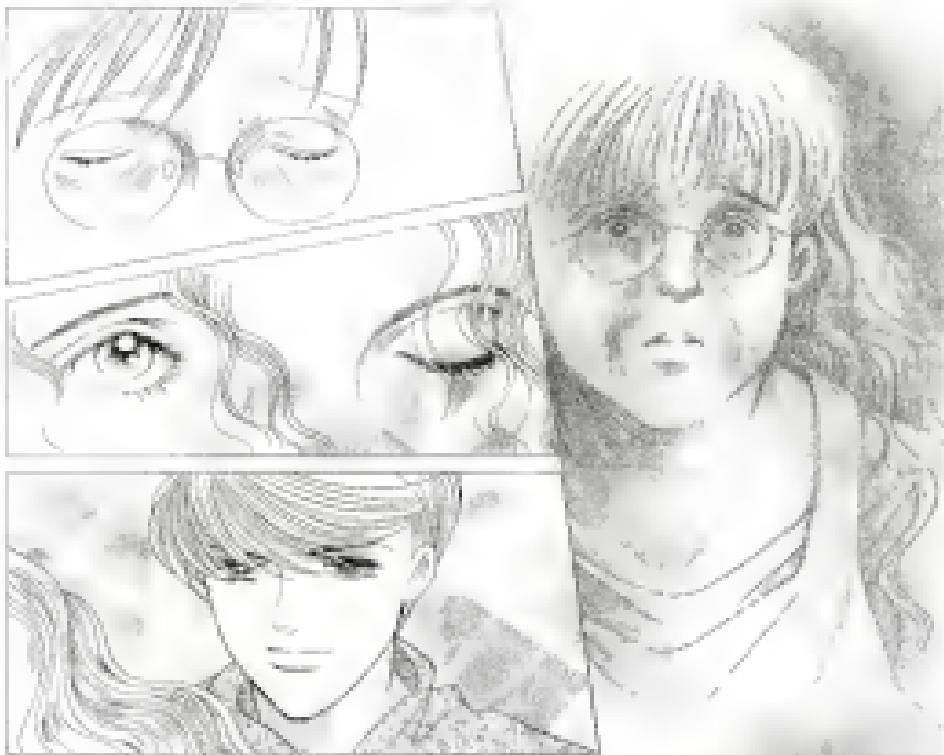


IT'S A TRANQUILIZER.
HE GOT IT FROM AN
ACQUAINTED PSYCHIATRIST.
IT REGULATES THE LEVELS
OF DOPAMINE IN BRAIN.

WHAT
ARE
THOSE?

HE WAS TOLD
IT'S EFFECTIVE
IN SUPPRESSING
HALUCINATIONS
AND DELUSIONS.

SUPPRESSING
HALUCINATIONS





THANK
YOU!!







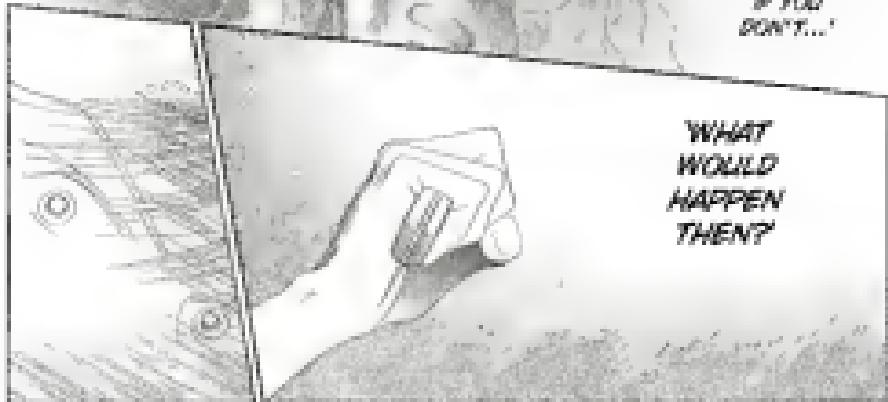
THIS
IS JUST
YOUR
FANTASY!



LISTEN,
YOU ARE
NOT ALONE,
AND
THERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE FROM
A FOREIGN
MOVIE

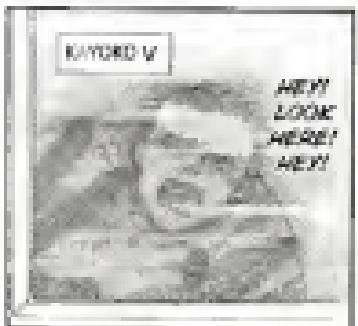
FACE
IT PRO-
BABLY!

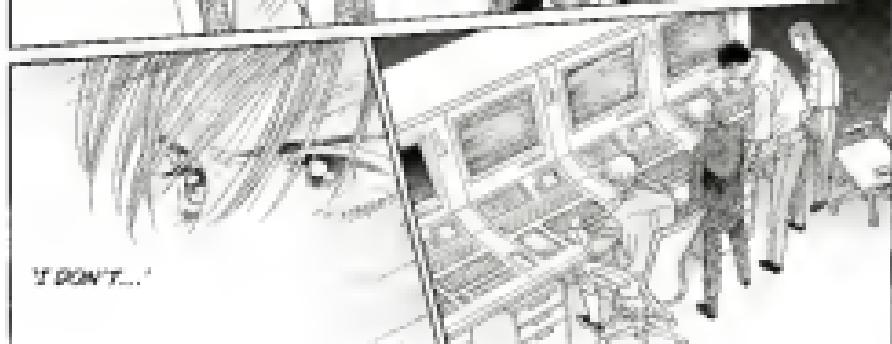
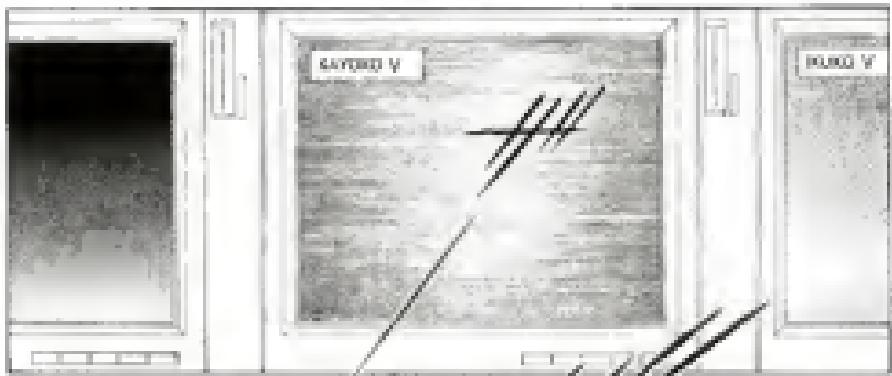
YOU HAVE
TO FACE
THE
REALITY!!













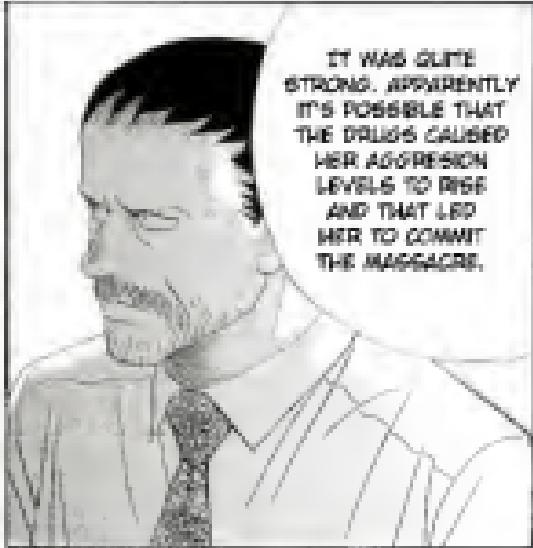
...I
DON'T
NEED A
REALITY
LIKE THIS!

大人用
おむつ



WE
REPEATED
INKOKO'S
BLOOD
TESTS.

TRACES OF
PSYCHOTROPIC
MEDICATION
WERE STILL
DETECTABLE.



IT WAS QUITE STRONG. APPARENTLY IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE DRUGS CAUSED HER AGGRESSION LEVELS TO RISE AND THAT LED HER TO COMMIT THE MASSACRE.





RATHER THAN
STAYING IN
THE HOSPITAL
ALONE, I FEEL
MORE AT EASE
WORKING HERE.

BUT,

...WHEN I'M
ALONE I END UP
OVERTHINKING
THINGS.

RECA-
LUSE...

Until
then.

And that the
person who's
killed that friend
was none other
than the Chef
himself.

It was as if I
forgot that not
even 3 month
has passed since
he's lost his
closest friend.

That it
hurt him
so much
he kept
seeing illusions
until
now—





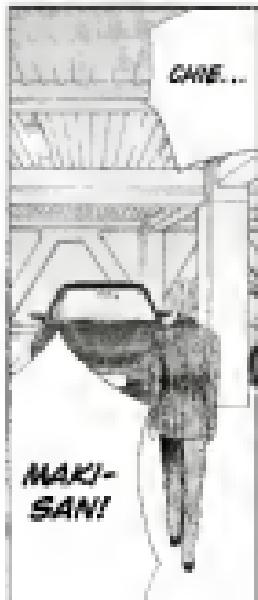


MY NICEST
AND MOST
BEAUTIFUL
DAUGHTER...

IKUKO,



INSPECTOR
DAHLIA.





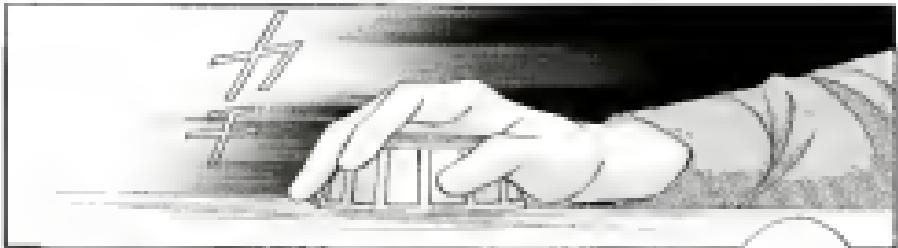


REIKO SHIMIZU
秘...密
2008
特別版 Copy Cat
THE TOP SECRET

Another Household
Slaughter

IS IT THE
SAME CULPRIT?

Sixty
years
ago.
The last
tobacco
tax.



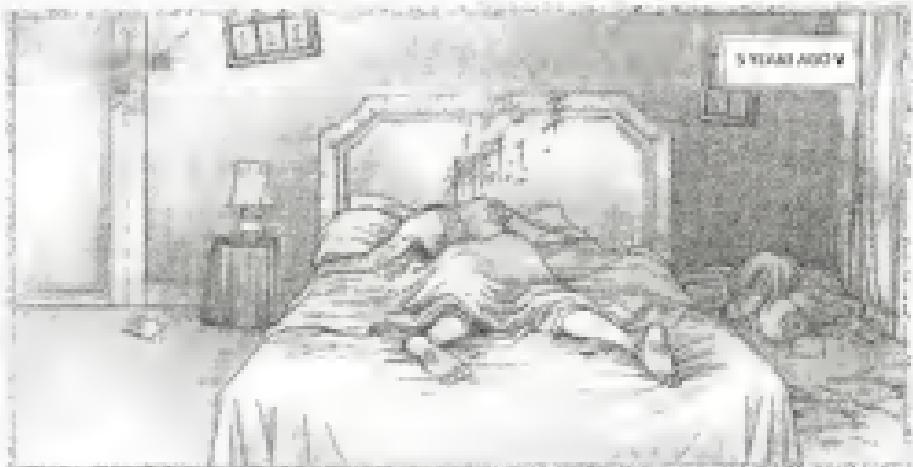
THIS IS A
RETRIEVED
IMAGE FROM
AN OLD BRITISH
TV PROGRAM
CALLED 'MURDER
CASE' THAT THE
SUSPECT SAW
FIVE YEARS AGO.

PATENT M

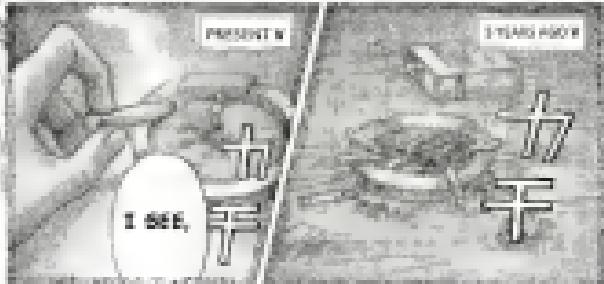
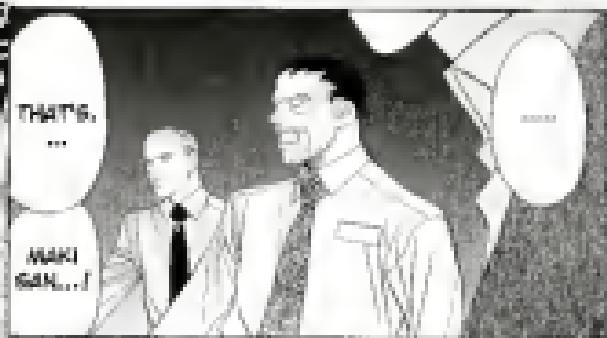
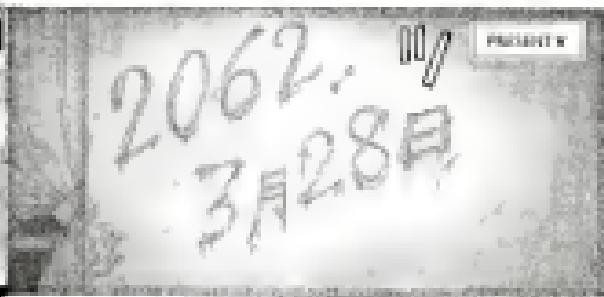


PATENT V





THE 'HOUSEHOLD MASSACRE CASE'
THAT SENT
CHILLS DOWN
THE SPINES OF
THE MIDST OF
SPRING HANAMI
FESTIVITIES...





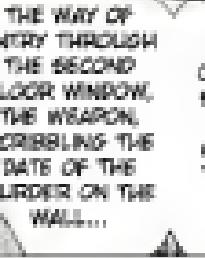
...THAT IT
WAS A
COPYCAT
KILLER...



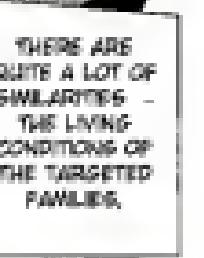
AS IF
TO PRO-
VOKE THE
POLICE AND...



AND THERE
IS ALSO
SMOKING AT
THE CRIME
SCENE.



THE WAY OF
ENTRY THROUGH
THE SECOND
FLOOR WINDOW,
THE WEAPON
SCRIBBLING THE
DATE OF THE
MURDER ON THE
WALL...



THERE ARE
QUITE A LOT OF
SIMILARITIES -
THE LIVING
CONDITIONS OF
THE TARGETED
FAMILIES.



GATHER
THOSE
SIMILAR-
TIES INTO
A REPORT.





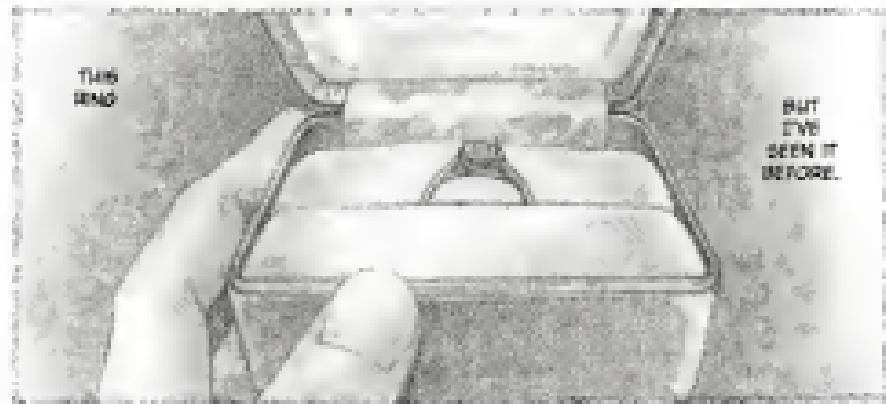
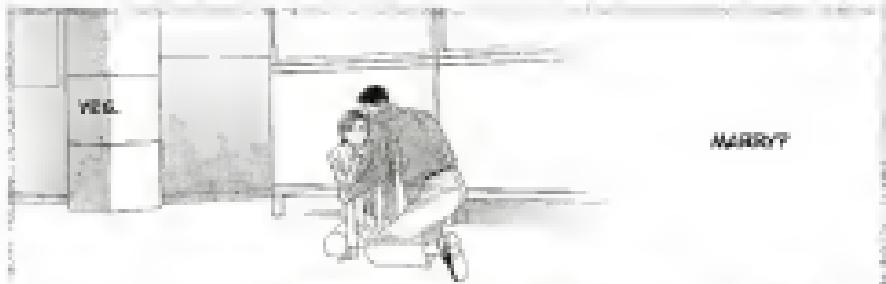
I saw a
strange
dream
that night.

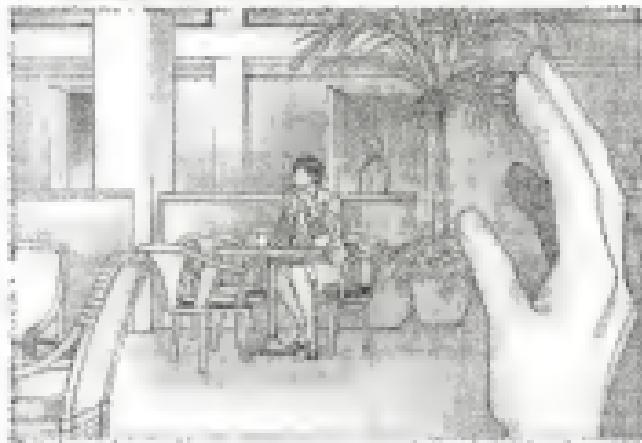
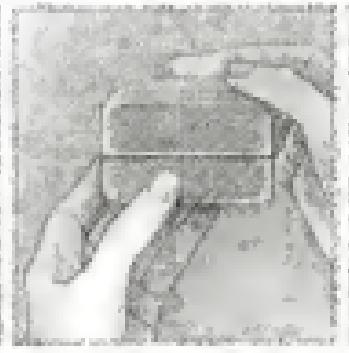


MARRY MR DOCTOR!

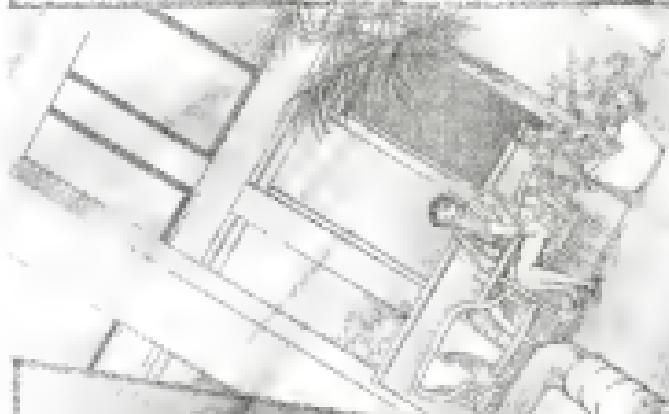
DOCTOR



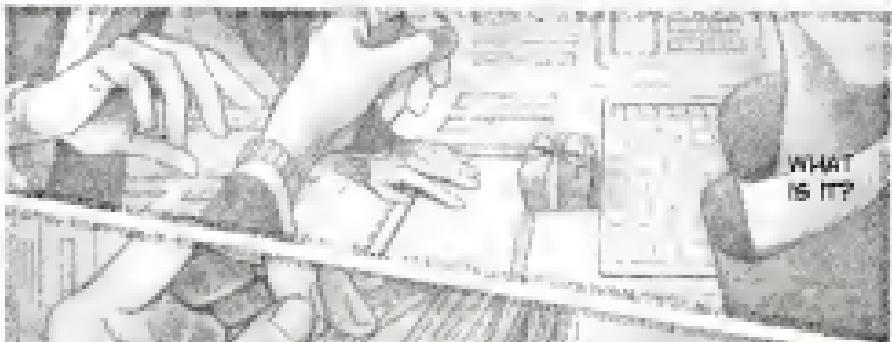








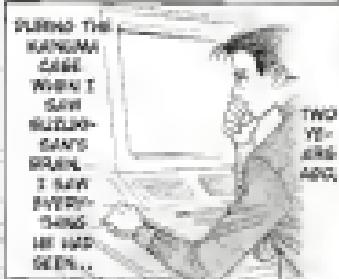






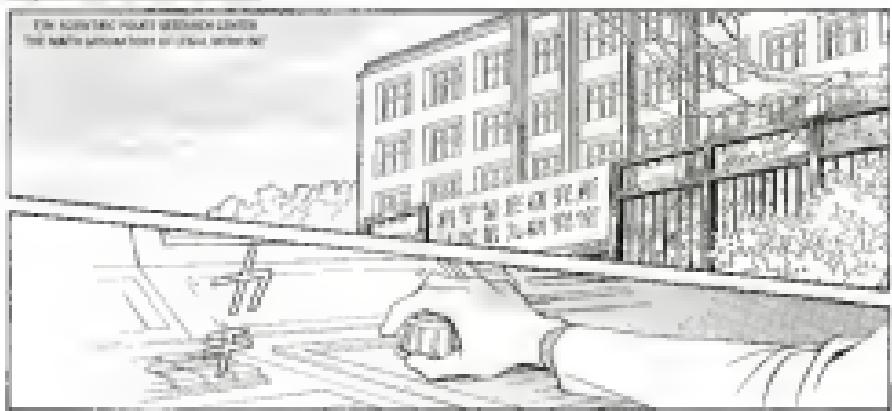
WHAT'S
WRONG
SUZUKI...?













From the above similarities we can surmise that the suspect was inspired to commit serial murders.]

after being strongly influenced by a tv program 'Murder Case' he had seen 5 years before. Therefore, |



it's a copycat crime. |

DESPERATE

SURFACE
PORN

JUST BECAUSE
OF SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...

JUST
BECAUSE
OF THAT.



culprit's motive

Aim of

Why

Do you really want to delete
this file?

Cancel

OK



OK



WHY?



THAT'S
RIGHT.

IT'S NOT
A COPYCAT
CRIME?

THE
EVIDENCE
THAT IT WAS
A COPYCAT
THAT YOU
POINTED TO
WAS...

WHAT
HE
COPIED.

I'M SORRY... SINCE MY
REPORT SUBMISSION WAS
FOR TODAY AS WELL, I TOLD
HIM TO GATHER IT UP FOR
ME BUT...

SO FROM
THE START
...

ONCE
IN

WAS ONLY
THE MODUS
OPERANDI









PEOPLE DON'T JUST GET
"IMPRINTED"
TO DO SUCH
THINGS AS
KILLING
OTHERS!

HE STARTED
TO WANT
TO KILL
FAMILIES
HIMSELF?

BECAUSE
HE SAW
A FAMILY
MURDERED
IN TV.

THERE IS
NO WAY FOR
PEOPLE TO
BE THIS
SIMPLE...

THEY
ARE
MORE...

MORE



HE MUST
HAVE A
PROPER
MOTIVE OF
HIS OWN!

THERE
MUST BE
SOMETHING!

DIFFERENT

Suzuki-san
and I are...

BECAUSE
IT'S COM-
pletely
SEPARATE
PEOPLE...!

YOU
RESEMBLE
ASH SO
MUCH!

HE LOOKS
A BIT LIKE
ASH."

I THOUGHT THAT
HE RETURNED
FROM THE GRAVE
TO KILL ME.

WHEN I
FIGHT
YOU,



IF YOU'RE
SO SURE,
THEN REVIEW
ALL THE DATA
FROM THOSE
5 YEARS.

I GIVE YOU
TWO DAYS
TO SUBMIT
THE WHOLE
REPORT.

AND PROVE
IT TO ME BY
SHOWING ME
THE EVIDENCE
THAT IT'S
DIFFERENT!

MAM...

GOT
MY

WELL.. MAM-SAN!
IT TAKES AT LEAST HALF A DAY TO
WATCH DATA FROM A MONTH!
TWO DAYS IS JUST IMPOSSIBLE, GIVE
HIM A WEEK..
OR EVEN 4 DAYS!

I'M
TELLING
YOU IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.
AKI!!

ALRIGHT!
THANK YOU
VERY MUCH,
MAKI-SAN!

DON'T SAY
THAT IT'S
'JUST FIVE
YEARS',
YOU...!

IT'S FINE,
OKABE-SAN.
IT'S NOT AS IF
IT'S 50 YEARS.
IT'S JUST 5
YEARS!

AH,
ALSO
...

I'M NOT GIVING IT
AWAY TO BE AKI ALONE.
IF ALL MEMBERS TAKE IT
UP, IT SHOULD BE FAIRLY
DOUBLE, RIGHT?

BUT I'LL
CHECK THE
REPORT THE
FIRST THING
WHEN I COME
BACK, SO...

NOPE
CAN'T DO

JUST
NOW

IS
WEEKEND

I'LL BE AWAY
FOR THE
CONFERENCE
THE NEXT
TWO DAYS.



DO
IT!

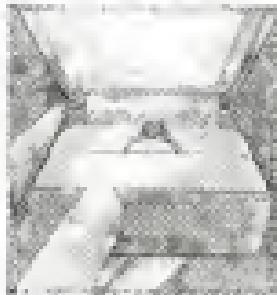


AOKI...

科学捜査研究所
東京第九研究室

Our next
break is
AOKI-san's
attention...









四百三十一年，秦將軍王翦破楚於城父，因乘勝追擊，大破楚軍於淮濱，殺其將項燕，滅楚。

卷之三

6

丁酉年夏月 晴

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4. 天文礼仪

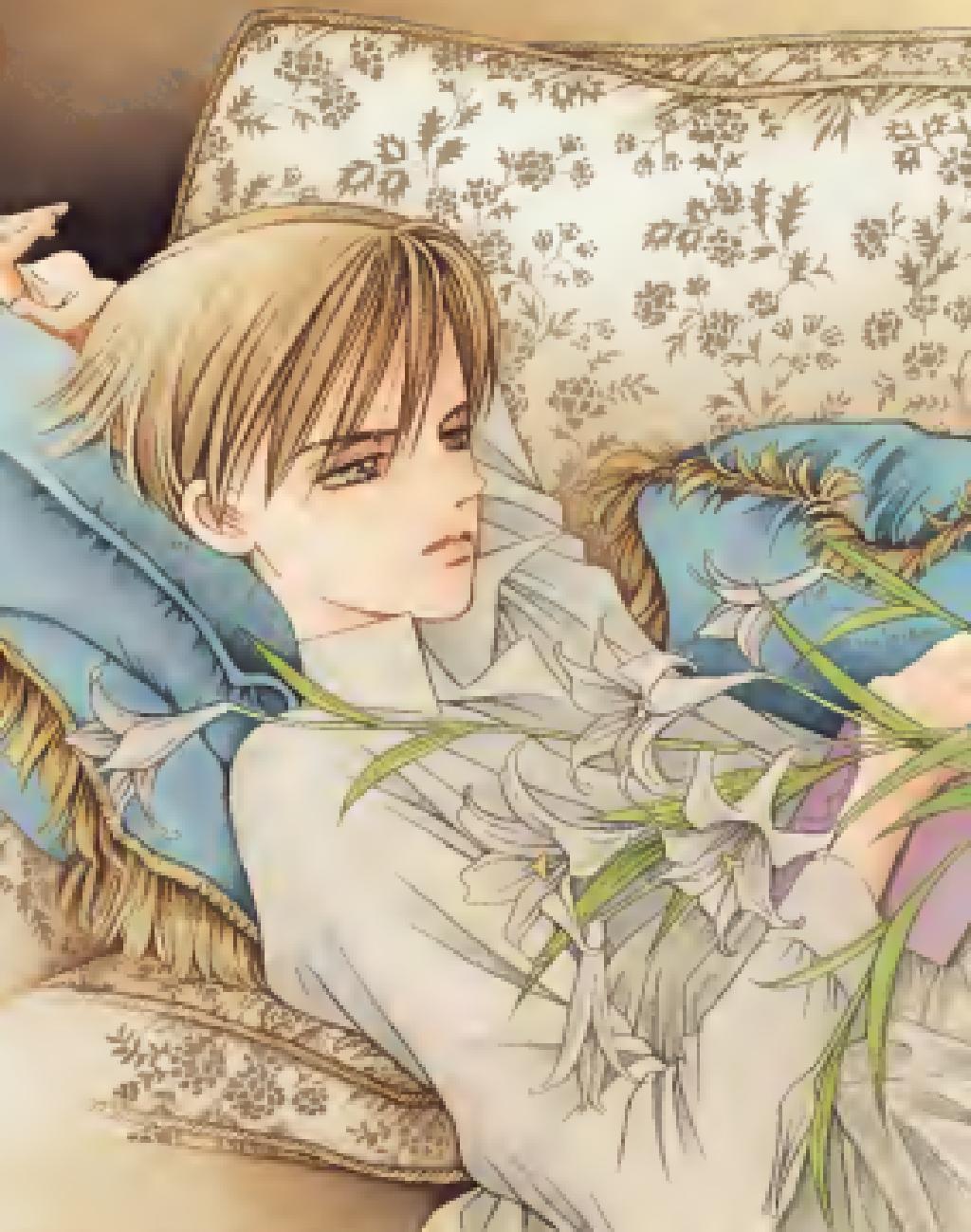
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THE TOP SECRET

REIKO SHIMIZU
A NOVEL IN FLAMES

11
2008

Isogenes Schrein

Wiederherstellung der Kirche

Wiederherstellung der Kirche